

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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 Kevin M. Flanigan, *et al.*) Art Unit: 1637
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 Application No. 10/539,178) Examiner: Teresa E. Strzelecka
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 Filing Date: January 23, 2006) Confirmation No. 2241
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 For: RAPID DIRECT SEQUENCE ANALYSIS)
 OF MULTI-EXON GENES)

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Customer Number 23859
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 November 5, 2007

Sir:

This paper is in Response to the Supplemental Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2007. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner set a one-month period in which to reply, *i.e.*, by November 2, 2007. Enclosed herewith is a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee, which extends the due date to December 2, 2007. Accordingly, this paper is timely.

In the present Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required an election of a single set of amplification primers (from claim 14) and sequencing primers (from claim 15) for examination. As required in response to this Action, Applicant elects the first set of amplification primers from Table 1 (*i.e.*, SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 2). Applicant also elects the first set of sequencing primers from Table 2 (*i.e.*, SEQ ID NOS: 187-188).

To summarize the elections in this Response and in the previous Response, Applicant has elected Group I, Claims 1-18. Applicant further elects Species A, the multi-exon gene dystrophin. Applicant further elects SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 2, and SEQ ID NOS: 187 and 188 as the single set of amplification and sequencing primers, respectively. Claims 1-18 are believed to read on the elected species.

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CONCLUSION

Enclosed herewith is payment in the amount of \$60.00 for the One-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,
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